

# An Important Road.

(Sylvan Valley News.)

According to our way of thinking, that was a very interesting and important announcement in last week's issue of the News regarding the construction of a first class road from Anderson, S. C., to Hendersonville, by way of Lake Toxaway and Brevard. If this road is built we believe it will be worth as much or more to this county as a new railroad, because it will open up a section of the county that will never be touched by a railroad, and would bring hundreds and thousands of people to this part of the state who never would come otherwise.

We have great faith in this announcement, and expect to see the road completed as contemplated. Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, the state geologist, has interested himself in the matter, and it is a well known fact that when Dr. Pratt gets behind a movement it is a success.

We are sure we are keeping well within the facts when he says that Transylvania county will do her part in building this road. It is a noticeable fact that the good roads movement is gradually gaining friends in this county, and within the past few months the people have been thinking more about the matter than at any time before.

While the good roads movement has been gaining friends by the score in this county it is to be regretted that the commissioners have not taken more interest in the matter. The present board has done a great many things that have benefited the roads in various sections of the county, but as yet they have not done all that could have been done. Several months ago the convicts were put to work on the roads at home and to date they have made many very valuable improvements, but the work has all been done with pick and shovel, a very slow process. If the convict force had been given proper road building machinery they could have done a great deal more work than has been done, and at a very small increase over the present cost.

We appreciate the fact that the cost of such equipment will look like a large outlay, but we believe there is not a progressive citizen in the county who would object to the levying of a special tax to buy this machinery, provided it could not be paid for otherwise. It would be an investment that would pay big dividends, and we hope an order will be made by the board for at least a portable rock crusher at their next meeting.

We believe this is the most economical way in which this county can get better roads. If some one will suggest to us a better plan we will advocate it with all our power, but until a better one is suggested we will keep trying to have this plan adopted. We hope that every man in the county who advocates this plan, or any other, will tell the commissioners about it. The board wants to do what is best for the county, and if the people will only let them know what they want we think the board will not be slow in making all necessary orders.

# WINTER CLOTHES FOR LAWYERS

Members of Congress Have Given up Hope of Early Adjournment and Send Home for Flannels.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Congress having yielded to the wish of President Wilson and sent home for its fall clothes, members are becoming reconciled to blasted vacation hopes and settling down to complete the tariff revision with deliberation and to take up currency reform without undue haste.

When the special session will be ready to adjourn has ceased to be a subject of speculation. No one pretends to hazard any more guesses, and leaders in both houses declare that currency legislation is to be completed, even if it is necessary to run right up to the regular session in December. Senator Gallinger, speaking in the tariff debate yesterday of the necessity for republicans to debate certain proposed rates at length was asked if he had sent home for his winter clothes, answered with an affirmative nod.

"Adjourn November 30."

"About 11:59 p. m., on November 30," Speaker Clark is writing friends who ask him about adjournment.

With the currency bill still in the democratic caucus of the house, Speaker Champ Clark issued a statement tonight in which he asserted that the bill would be sent to the senate early in September with solid democratic support. Representative Henry, chairman of the house rules committee, also issued a statement relating to the hesitancy of some democrats to accept as now written. Indications that the senate democrats propose to make a bill of their own are increasing and efforts to commit them to any currency policy failed at the caucus last Thursday night.

Speaker Clark, in his statement on the situation, asserted that the democrats in the Baltimore convention promised tariff and currency reform. The promise to revise the tariff downward, he said, now was practically accomplished fact while the redemption of the currency promise "is just beginning."

"That is to say," the speaker continued, "the currency bill has not yet been presented to the house. Having passed the first stage, that is action by the democratic membership of the house committee on banking and currency, whatever of difference exists among democrats are being threshed out in the caucus, the proper place to thresh them out. After caucus action we will, as we have done on important questions for three years, present a solid front and send the bill to the senate early in September. Abundant opportunity for debate and amendment will be offered to railroad it through either the caucus of the house.

# 25 WIFE BEATERS WILL FACE TRIAL IN LENOIR COUNTY.

Two Brothers Living In Same House Accused Of Mistreating Their Wives.

Kinston, N. C., Aug. 11.—When Superior Court convenes here next Monday about 25 of the 75 or 100 cases on the docket to be tried before Judge O. H. Allen will be against wife-beaters. Defendants of this class will be more numerous than at any previous session of criminal court in Lenoir county's history. A majority of the offenders are negroes, but a number of white will be arraigned on the charge, and nearly every township furnishes its quota of the cases.

Three warrants for wife-beating were issued yesterday, and two of the defendants are brothers whose families live in the same house near this city.

Press With a History.

(Watauga News.)

While over at Lenoir the other day we ran across an old type sticker and job printer. He informed us that our old Washington hand press had a history connecting it with the civil war.

In those days this man, Mr. Frank Smith worked in a newspaper office in Salisbury, and this press now printing the Watauga News, was in that office, and was bought in after years by Mr. H. C. Martin, owner of the Lenoir News. He sold it to us for just one tenth what it is worth as a relic.

Mr. Smith is a reliable man, as men like H. T. Newland, A. Collier Parthing and others gave us his rep as being an honest and truthful man. He said he stood up stairs in this Salisbury shop during the latter part of the war and watched Stoneman on his raid through the State as most all the people, who were left at home did. They always wrecked all the printing offices in their pathway. When they reached this shop they burned all the paper and dumped the type and press out of a two-story window to the ground below. The editor, notwithstanding the fact that his outfit was destroyed, he got things together and got out that weeks issue on window curtain goods. The press that went through all this is now at work in this shop and looks like a new one. \$500.00 is rather cheap for a press with this kind of a history hooked up to its career.

Waiting on Simmons.

A special from Washington says: "Postoffice Department officials indicated today that they will wait several weeks more, if necessary before giving up hope that Senator Simmons and Representatives Stedman and Page will reach an agreement on the post-office tangles at Laurinburg and Reidsville. Senator Simmons has declined to go thoroughly into the cases until the tariff bill is disposed of.

"Both the representatives have announced that they will stick to their men as long as there is a chance for them. Senator Simmons says he has not had time to investigate the cases fully, leaving a possibility that he may decide that the candidates are not objectionable to him after all. In the meantime, his objections are still on file."

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